

RAILROAD RUMOR

Engineer Hood is off for four or five days this week visiting at Pueblo. During his absence, Engineer Hartley has charge of engine No. 1439.

Chas. Wrighten, hostler at the Santa Fe shops, is on the sick list this week.

The reduction of forces at the Dodge City shops has been made to compare with the amount of business being handled.

Engineer Jones is assigned to engine No. 1438 on trains Nos. 3 and 4 during the absence of Engineer Simmons.

The 14th annual ball given by the locomotive firemen at La Junta Monday evening was attended by a number of railroad men from this city. Among those from the Santa Fe shops here were, Messrs. Johnson, Krebs, Fred Wrighten, Burns and Atkins.

Road Foremen of Engines McMurray and E. Norton spent last Saturday in Dodge City looking over the power for the River and Western Grand divisions.

Engine No. 2170 left last Friday for La Junta to have the main axle, broken in the yards here a few days ago, repaired.

One of the finest Santa Fe reading room entertainments of the season will be given at the Presbyterian church this evening, by the Stella McCaslin Concert Company of Chicago.

Supt. H. A. Tice made a trip to Hutchinson Tuesday.

Operator Chas. W. Smith has been transferred from Dodge City to Ollerie and left Tuesday for that point.

J. H. Abrams of Topeka was in the city Sunday. Mr. Abrams is connected with the general manager's office in Topeka and was here looking over some matters in connection with the handling of fast freight.

General Foreman T. H. Ogden of the Santa Fe round house, made a trip to La Junta Saturday.

The Madame Butterfly Theatrical Company passed through this city in a special train Sunday evening, enroute from Wichita to Denver.

Vern Hawk, who is 17 years old, has worked through a six month's apprenticeship as a machinist's helper at the round house during which he has lost only one day.

A. W. Hawk, stationery engineer at the round house, has resumed work after a two weeks' siege of sickness.

Harry Landis returned last Thursday from a couple of weeks' visit at his home in Yates Center. He has been transferred from his old position as day ticket agent at the Santa Fe depot, to that of cashier at the freight house. Mr. Palmer is now acting as day ticket agent and R. M. Phillips takes charge of the night work.

LOOK OLD GENTLEMAN'S ADVICE

Just the Counsel Fond Lover Was Looking For.

"The late Bishop Thomas Frederick Davies of Detroit," said a Detroit man, "once told me an interesting story of an elopement. He figured in his elopement as the officiating clergyman. It was in Philadelphia, during his rectorship of St. Peter's."

"It seems that the proprietor of one of the largest dry goods houses in Philadelphia had noticed for some months the melancholy of his head clerk, a young man whom he held in high regard."

"The clerk's pallor and increasing leanness, his frequent sighs and absent-mindedness worried the millionaire proprietor. He questioned the young man daily. And finally the clerk admitted to him that he was in love."

"Well," said the head, "marry her. Your salary is big enough."

"Ah," said the clerk sadly, "you do not understand. She belongs to one of the first families of Philadelphia and her father is a millionaire."

"Well, maybe he wasn't when he married. You have a good position and a good name. You are a fair match for any girl," said the other.

"It's no use," sighed the clerk. Her parents would not listen to me for one moment."

"Then," said the other, "elope with her."

"Do you advise that?" the clerk asked excitedly.

"Certainly, I do. Is she—do I know her?"

"Yes. She will be at your dance at Devon tomorrow night."

"Well, see here," said the head. "I'll have my coachman out in front of my gate at 9:30. Rush the girl off into town and marry her. I'll arrange with a clergyman for you."

"By Jove," said the clerk, "I'll do it."

"And he did. The next night Dr. Davies performed the ceremony and an hour or two later the millionaire found his daughter missing and was telegraphing in every direction to the young couple to come home and it would be forgiven."

Functions of Taste Nerves.

A wine expert was tasting wines. In tasting sweet wines he lowered his head upon his breast. In tasting dry or sour ones he threw his head back.

"Why do you do that?" said a spectator.

"I don't know. Habit, I guess," the expert replied.

"You do it," the spectator explained, "because the front of your tongue can only taste sweet things and the back of it only sour things and the movement of your head is for the purpose of throwing the wines upon the right part of your tongue. The taste nerves have different functions, some handling sweets, others sour, others bitters and so on, just as the muscles have different functions, some working the leg and some the arm."

"Well, well," said the expert. "You surprise me. At the same time I'm sure you are right. Everybody, come to think of it, holds sweet things on the forepart of the tongue to get their flavor and sour things on the hind part."

Limit of Bad Whisky.

The correspondent who writes wishing to learn when cider reaches the condition called "hard" is informed that all cider which is not vinegar, but which is unfit to drink on account of its rank and bitter taste, is hard cider—hard to swallow, because of its disagreeable flavor. The man who can become intoxicated on hard cider would drink himself to death on such whisky as is sold in Bangor to-day, and Bangor whisky is about the limit of badness.—Bangor News.

Our Vocabulary Largest.

A German investigator announces that the English language has the largest vocabulary of any now in use. It heads the list with 260,000 words; Germany, with 80,000 words, coming second, and Italy, with 75,000, third. The authors of the English dictionaries certainly deserve a great deal of praise, although we can think of several English words in general use that might be dropped without injuring the appearance of the vocabulary in the least. Possibly the amount of slang in our dictionaries may explain the difference of 180,000 words between the English and German languages.—Exchange.

The Five-Year-Old's Prayer.

Two brothers, one 8, the other 5, were in the library when the younger one overturned the ink. When mother appeared and sought the culprit Winthrop denied it flatly. Shocked at the deliberate falsehood, the big brother hurriedly knelt down and said:

"Dear God: Please forgive Winthrop for telling lies. He doesn't know how wrong it is. Amen."

With a look of scandalized contempt at the kneeling brother, Winthrop knelt and prayed:

"Dear God: I wish my brother lived in another house so he couldn't peek. Amen."—Exchange.

Aged Statesman Active.

Lord Strathcona, high commissioner of Canada, has just turned his eighty-fifth year, but is still as active as most men of sixty.

Train of Canned Peas.

The first solid train of canned peas ever shipped from an American canning factory went out from a canning company's plant at Longmont, Colo., recently.

SATISFIED FRIENDS AND FOES.

Joke on Congressman That Made Him Many Votes.

Some years ago there came to Washington a representative in Congress who was an ardent champion of the cause of prohibition.

One day a friend of mine from home dropped in to see the congressman. During the course of his stay he had occasion to use his pocket-knife, which the representative much admired. This knife had in it a hook, "designed," so the friend said, "to remove stones that might become fastened in a horse's hoof on a rocky road." Finally, seeing the intense admiration of the congressman for the knife, the friend gave it to him. When the statesman had reached home and had shown the gift to his wife, she laughed.

"John," said she, "any man who has served three terms in the state senate, been lieutenant governor, and had two terms in Congress, must be a pretty good man if he doesn't know a champagne opener from a hoof cleaner."

Somehow the story got out and was copied in nearly every newspaper in the congressman's state. One day the congressman met the newspaper man whom he understood to be the author of the first squib in the matter.

"You did me a great service," smilingly said the representative to the correspondent. "All the prohibitionists are taking my wife's view of my ignorance, and all the 'anties' are insisting that I'm a devil of a good fellow for imposing so successfully on my wife. It works in my behalf whichever way you take it."—Saturday Evening Post.

Great Intellect Not Bequeathed.

Paul Meurice, who was buried the other day at Paris, was Victor Hugo's executor and the guardian of his only surviving daughter, Adele Hugo. She is an old lady of 75, weak in her mind, who lives in a small country house not far from Paris under the care of two nurses. She has no notion of her wealth—thanks to the royalties on her father's works she is immensely wealthy—and works hard writing plays which she imagines are produced in Paris and in the provinces. Now and again she is brought into Paris and taken to a matinee at one of the theaters. There she sits in a corner of the stage box, believing that the play she is watching is one of her own and bowing when the audience applauds.

Free Transportation.

"Talk about luck," drawled the old Kansas farmer, "one day while Lucy and I were talking about eloping a cyclone came along, lifted us up and carried us clean to the parson's doorstep, twenty miles away."

"That was a lucky streak," commented the sewing-machine drummer. "But that ain't the best of it, stranger. After the ceremony another cyclone came from the opposite direction and took us both right home again. Lucy was pretty pleased, but she said as long as cyclones were that accommodating she wished one would come along and take us smack to Niagara Falls."

Layman's Praise.

A well-known presiding elder tells a good story at his own expense. He was asked one day to preach at a colored church where a money raising occasion had been announced, and the pastor of the charge, desiring to impress the congregation with the importance and dignity of the speaker of the day, thus introduced him: "Brethren and sisters, it is now my great pleasure and delight to introduce the Rev. Mr. Blank, the sounding brass and de tinkling cymbal of the Methodist church." When a fellow-pastor addressed the same congregation some months later he was introduced as "the great obstacle of the Methodist church."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Boiling Eggs Scientifically.

In a lecture before the Royal Institute in London, an English scientist showed a new exact way of timing the boiling of eggs. The egg was suspended from the beam of a pair of scales and dipped in a pan of boiling water. The sand from an hour glass trickled into the scale which hung from the other end of the beam until the egg was cooked. Then the weight of the sand lifted the egg out of the saucepan and rang an electric bell.

American Congregations Rebuked.

The Central Presbyterian of Richmond, Va., says: "The largest church and the largest congregation in connection with our General Assembly are not in America, but on the Congo river in Africa. The membership of our two churches there is over 2,000. The attendance on each church is upward of 1,000—sometimes 1,500 or more. When a native African from that region attended church services here, with one hundred or two hundred present, his remark was: 'The people of America do not go to church much.'"

Animals Not Becoming Smaller.

"It is a great mistake to conclude that it is a law of nature that recent animals are all small and insignificant as compared with their representatives in the past," says a scientist. "That is simply not true. Recent horses are bigger than extinct ones, and much bigger than three-toed and four-toed ancestors of horses. Recent elephants are as big as any that have existed, and much bigger than their early elephantine ancestors. There never has been any creature of any kind—mammal, reptile, bird or fish—in any geological period we know of so big as some of the existing whales."

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WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING AND SOCIETY NOTES

A party is being given Mrs. R. J. Hardesty this afternoon at her home by a large number of her friends.

The Sorosis club met with Miss Grace Gwinner Wednesday evening. Miss Mary Aten gave a paper on "Canterbury Tales" and Miss Mary Hale, a paper on "Lowell's Pen Portraits". An instrumental solo was given by Miss Grace Gwinner. The responses to roll call were selections from Lowell. The next meeting will be held on March 11th at the home of Miss Anna Martin.

The members of the Embroidery club and two guests, Mrs. Henry Kinkaid and Mrs. Fred Harvey of Leavenworth, spent a delightful afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. F. Millikan last Friday afternoon. An elaborate luncheon was served. Mrs. C. A. Milton will entertain the club in two weeks.

The S. S. Embroidery Club was entertained at the home of Mrs. W. H. Chapman last Friday afternoon. Mesdames Yeaton, A. E. Baker, Barker of Colby, French, Carson, Bainbridge and Miss Bertha Rath were present as guests. The afternoon was as usual devoted to embroidery work and a delicious supper was served. On Friday, March the 6th the members of this club will entertain their husbands at dinner at the home of Mrs. Glen Lawrence.

A party was given at the home of Mrs. A. C. Cord last Friday. The evening was spent socially and refreshments were served. Those present were, Mesdames Hale and Miss Mary Hale, Chapman, Carson, Thompson and Miss Olive Thompson, Grover, Peterson and daughter, John Cord, Henry Kinkaid, S. J. Kinkaid and Miss Kate Kinkaid, S. W. Sturgeon, Crawford, Liggett, Marlon, Mr. and Mrs. George Kinkaid.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian church gave a social at the home of Miss Grace Gwinner last Friday evening for the prospective members of the society. Several games suggestive of Washington's birthday were enjoyed. Light refreshments were served, partners being found by cards in the shape of hatchets. There were about thirty-six present. These evenings are always very enjoyable and are looked forward to by the members of the society and their friends. This was the first social given this year.

The members of the W. W. Club and several guests were entertained at the home of Miss Verna Brown last Saturday afternoon. The time was devoted to embroidery work and an elaborate three course luncheon was served. This delightful social afternoon was enjoyed by Misses, Ethel Rose, Grace Gwinner, Mary Aten, Sadie Hanna, Kathleen Elder, Frances Wright, Sade Stine, Annab Martin, Mesdames Fred Rose, Will Martin, Lillian O'Neil and W. E. Rose.

A surprise party was given Mrs. T. F. Garner Tuesday evening. Several games were enjoyed and a fine supper was served. Those present were, Messrs and Mesdames Jones, Ed Riney, Holtreich, George Kinkaid, Moore, S. W. Sturgeon, Bessey, Traynor, Stauth, Zimmermann, Gibson, John Gibson, W. Baker, Fred Peterson, J. Madison, Hupien, Dalton. Mesdames, Thompson, Berg, McIntyre, Mills, Gray, H. Mootz, Pepper, Tolley, Balch, Martin, Triplett, Weber, Riney, Meairs, S. J. Kinkaid, Grover, Dewar. Misses Kate Kinkaid, Nettie Thompson, Anna Thompson, Maud Curry, Etta Tolley, Jessie Mills, Bella Wortman and Ruby Jones.

Miss Clara Elliott is assisting for a few days this week in the office of G. L. Painter & Co.

Mr. Frizell of Larned was in this city Tuesday looking after his land interests here.

Miss Carrie Hobbie left Wednesday morning for Hutchinson to visit her sister Alice, who is employed as a nurse in a hospital there.

Mrs. Wakeman and son Lester of Wilburn made a trip to this city Tuesday.

Mrs. T. J. Schall and children arrived here from Canon City last Friday morning.

Miss Vida Beck of Kinsley was a guest over Saturday and Sunday at the home of her brother, Ira Beck.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Herzer returned to this city the latter part of last week from Dalhart, Texas where they have been for several months.

Miss Jessie Kelsey returned Wednesday from a few days visit in La Junta.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Madison returned Monday from a few days visit with friends in Ford City.

George Stohr and wife of Wilburn were visitors in this city Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kimbrel of Gray county were in this city Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hood and nephew Herbert Hood are visiting in La Junta and Denver this week.

PERSONALS

R. W. Barnett was ill with the grippe several days last week.

L. L. Taylor returned last Saturday from Hutchinson, where he attended the Democratic convention as a delegate from this city.

Miss Beatie Dixon, who is teaching at Ellinwood, spent Sunday at her home here.

Miss Susan Liddell of Saginaw, Mich., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ella M. Taylor, on her way home from a visit with relatives in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilliland, who had charge of the Harvey House at Emporia, passed through this city Tuesday evening on their way to San Francisco, where they will make their home.

D. J. Phillips returned last Thursday morning from a business trip to St. Joe, Mo.

Miss Ethel A. Davis of Ottawa, Kas., will arrive in this city next Monday to take a position as trimmer in Mrs. Hazelton's millinery parlors.

Frank Brislin and wife who have resided in this city for several months, left Sunday evening for Columbus, Ohio, to make their home.

W. N. Locke returned Tuesday morning from a business trip to Kansas City in the interests of the Bargain store.